

The Oasis

Saturday Oct. 24, 1903.

A Great Ancient Mine.

At the very fountain head of the beautiful mountain valley called Sahuaripa, there is a wonderful old mine called Santa Rita, whose ancient history has been a profound secret of the famous old Sierra Madres for more than two hundred years, without the least shadow of a doubt. About one hundred and thirty years ago when the valley was settled with the ancestors of the present populace, the demoralized condition of the mine, and the ruins of three large adjacent towns seemed to indicate their being as old at that time as now. There were huge patios together with the ruins of hundreds of old *arastros* beds, and scores of large buildings, all in massive ruins, level with the ground, which at one time supported and afforded shelter for at least four to five thousand people; and large water ditches formerly used to convey water to the towns having *arastros* are easily traceable. To support the population of the towns, all of which are adjacent to one another, there could have been absolutely nothing but the one solitary mine, as no others have ever been worked in that vicinity. About a half mile above the old towns, and at a vertical elevation of fully twelve hundred feet, there is a bold vein out-cropping plainly visible for many miles, known to modern civilization by the name of Santa Rita, but what its ancient name may have been is to remain one of the great mysteries of the lost history of the wonderful old mines so extensively worked under Jesuit rule.

These old mines are now making the Sierra Madres, in the interior of Sonora, famous both at home and abroad. For more than a hundred years, this old and formerly extensively worked Santa Rita mine, which is now caved in and without a single opening, has practically defied all inspection, short of a large amount of capital which is necessary to re-open the mine below the old caved in stopes; and the present old workings show a most imposing and disastrous wreck.

At one place alone there is a depression in the mountain of fully a hundred feet square of solid rock, indicating the displacement of more than a hundred thousand tons of ore extracted from the extensive stopes at greater depths below, and there are enormous caves in sight indicating an aggregate displacement of from two hundred to three hundred thousand tons.

Besides the enormous surface displacement, the swell of the ground, together with the possibility of any small open stopes would bring the grand total up to an incomputable amount. That the old ore bodies in the Santa Rita were of very high grade is proven by the fact from all the ore extracted and treated; there are no waste dumps of any character, and large pieces of native silver containing much gold have been picked up about the old workings. A California company, under the able management of Mr. B. A. Ogden, has started work on a long tunnel which will be nearly six hundred feet in length, which will cut the vein at over three hundred feet below the surface. Over a hundred feet of the drift has already been run.

It seems a certainty that the

development work, which is now well in hand, will demonstrate to the world that another famous old lost mine has been re-discovered, which will add greatly to the wealth of its owners, and to the world in general.

The amended incorporation laws of Arizona provide that ALL incorporations, not only those organized under the new law, but those created before its adoption, must file with the Territorial Auditor a certificate of appointment of an agent, without which they have no standing in court, in case of litigation. THE OASIS has for sale blank notices of such appointments as agent. Apply at the office. *

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Homestead Entry No. 3391.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
LAND OFFICE AT TUCSON, ARIZONA.
October 14, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court at Nogales, Arizona, on Saturday, November 21, 1903, viz: Luka Matechich, of Nogales, Arizona, for the W. 1/2 S. E. 1/4 and N. 1/2 S. W. 1/4 Sec. 3, T. 24-S., R. 14-E., G. and S. R. B. and M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: James Breen, of Nogales, Arizona, Frank J. Duffy, of Nogales, Arizona, John Wilson, of Nogales, Arizona, Patrick Hannan, Nogales, Arizona.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Homestead Entry No. 4237.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
LAND OFFICE AT TUCSON, ARIZONA.
October 1, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court at Nogales, Arizona, on Saturday, November 14, 1903, viz: Ramon Elias, of Sopori, Arizona, for the N. 1/2 S. E. 1/4, N. E. 1/4 S. W. 1/4, and S. E. 1/4, N. W. 1/4, Sec. 3, T. 29-S., R. 12-E., G. & S. R. B. & M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Thomas J. Turner, of Nogales, Arizona, Juan B. Elias, of Sopori, Arizona, Henry Levin, of Nogales, Arizona, Thomas Elias, of Sopori, Arizona.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Homestead Entry No. 3027.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
LAND OFFICE AT TUCSON, ARIZONA.
September 21, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settlers has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court at Nogales, Arizona, on Monday, November 2, 1903, viz: Maria Federico, formerly Maria Low, of Calabasas, Arizona, for the NE 1/4 Sec. 30, and NW 1/4 SW 1/4, and W 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 29, T. 21 S., R. 13 E., G. & S. R. B. & M.

She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Thomas Bayze, of Nogales, Arizona, Francisco Soto, of Nogales, Arizona, Manuel Contreras, of Tubac, Arizona, Bibiano Gastelum, of Tubac, Arizona.

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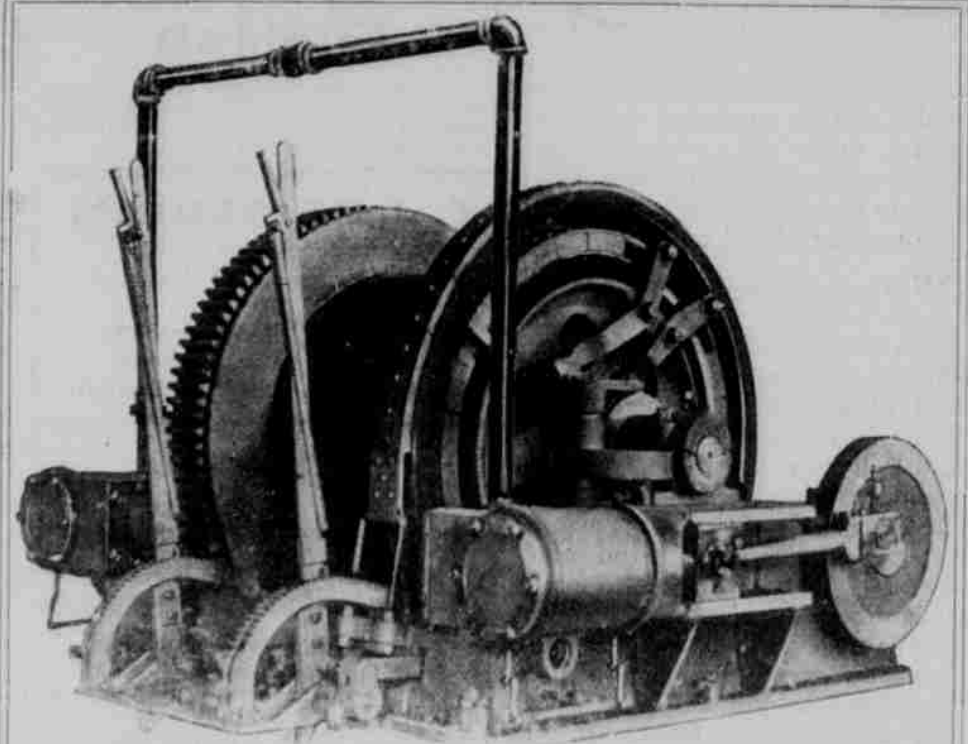
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